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Down With Machine-Made Candidates.

(Athens Republican Daily Messenger.)

The Messenger has been arraigned to some extent for having failed to express its satisfaction at the nomination of Mr. Douglas. The Messenger earnestly supported Mr. Douglas' election two years ago, because Mr. Douglas disclaimed upon the stump and elsewhere his approval of the methods by which he had been nominated and promised to see to it that there after the people should be consulted. But he holds his nomination today and calls himself the Republican candidate for Congress when there was not one man in the convention that nominated him who was elected by the people to be such delegate. Not one. Take the case of Athens county. It turned out after the convention was over that quite a number of gentlemen had been selected by somebody somewhere in a private caucus, as delegates to that convention, but many of them were not even notified of their appointment until the nomination was over, or it was too late for them to go there.

Mr. Douglas came to Athens at the Commencement of the Ohio University in June and made the speech on Sunday, a semi-political speech. I was in favor of clean politics, and in that speech he distinctly announced that the cure for the usurpation of committees and the refusal to permit the people of the country to have a hand in elections, was the defeat of candidates thus nominated. It was an appeal to the clean people, the college people, the religious people, to stand by him because of the purity of his THEORIES, but it omitted entirely to hold up to scorn and contempt of all honorable men in all the practices by which he seeks promotion. By the throttling of popular will in this district the people are called upon to vote for a man that they never nominated, had no hand in nominating, were absolutely excluded from any expression of opinion for or against him, and now the demand is made upon them that they shall march to the polls and in the sacred name of the Republican party, vote for a candidate who, through the manipulation of a few bosses, has twice seized the political power of the district.

Despotism, bossism, treachery, trickery, scheming—who can find a parallel? And now the moral of all this is plain. If the people will submit, that sets the pace. If the people will come forward and ratify these transactions that fixes the status of this section of Ohio for the future. There will be no more voting at primaries; there will be no more election of county committees. No more reference of the political questions arising to the people. That will be unnecessary. It will establish a precedent that will wipe out all participation by the people in the selection of candidates. A man who can seize the opportunity to get into power once, can forever hold his grip upon the helpless masses and subrogate them to the will of a conspiracy of bosses. How does it happen that in this section of Ohio all these present outbreaks have come? What located these disturbances here? It is very plain; it is very simple. The success that attended the conspiracy to disfranchise the people of the Eleventh Congressional district has emboldened bosses in every direction to seize political power and exclude the people from participation. When will it stop and by what process will it be cured? It will stop and be cured when it ceases to be profitable. When it can no longer furnish the means of political success. One good, sound licking of one conspirator will cleanse and purify the atmosphere of southern Ohio and the people will come back to rule again in the domain where they have been excluded.

It is no small matter for a paper that has advocated the principles of the Republican party since the party was organized and still advocates those principles, to advise and urge the defeat of a Republican congressman, but the condition is such that the Republicans of the Eleventh district have to choose between the sacrifice of their political rights, yield gracefully to disfranchisement in the selection of candidates, or sacrifice a seat in the lower house of Congress where the majority is overwhelmingly Republican. Political liberty is more to be desired than the success of any one man. What may be expected of the future. The remedy is heroic. It is up to the stalwart Republicans of Athens county and this district to administer a rebuke that will for ever put an end to machine-made candidates.

Taft "Reckoned With" Cox.

"Even Ohio's great citizen, Secretary Taft, would not have been permitted to preside over this body had he dared to express himself against the boss and his methods, as had been his wont on any and all former occasions. Is it true that the boss can make and unmake governors and senators, and that he must be 'reckoned with' before any Ohio republican can expect to reach the presidency?"

Mr. Taft dared to express himself against the boss and his methods in a speech at Akron, October 21, of that year, but he seems to have "reckoned with" the boss since he became a candidate for president, for he said at a conference of the bosses in Cincinnati the day before he was notified of his nomination for president, Cox, Vorys, Brown, and others being present: "I appreciate the opportunity of addressing you and I wish you to understand that every one of you is a man whom I feel to be in common enterprise with me. We will not go into the past, that is all wiped off the slate." And later, September 10, in a letter to the chairman of the Republican Committee of Hamilton county, Mr. Taft accepted the services of Cox, Herrmann and Hynicka as a special advisory committee for the campaign in his home city.

Mr. Pattison's reference at Newark three years ago to the requirement of Cox that he must be "reckoned with" before any Ohio Republican can expect to reach the presidency, reads today like prophecy fulfilled.

A Word from Mr. Bryan.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Lincoln Neb
Oct 26-1908

Fellow Citizens;

The campaign is drawing to a close; the issue have been set forth in the platforms; the arguments of the candidates have been presented; and the verdict is about to be rendered. Every State in the Union shows Democratic gains, and there is no doubt of a Democratic victory if all who favor our policies vote and have their votes counted.

I write to urge you to see to it that every Democratic vote in your precinct is polled early and counted. We desire a popular majority as well as a majority in the electoral college, and your vote is needed to offset a Republican vote some where else, even if not needed in your locality. Work! Vote! And then you can rejoice the more heartily in the victory.

Yours truly
W. J. Bryan

Not Much Encouragement.

It has been openly charged by some of the management of the Republican campaign in Hocking County that the Republican papers of this county have not been "tearing their shirts" for the ticket this year. Well, there is not much encouragement on the part of either to bust a suspender for those who profess so much love only at election times.

Editor F. M. McKay of the Journal-Gazette has been recently ousted from the post-office by Congressman Douglas, and Boss John White was put in his place. Do you think Editor McKay should be very enthusiastic for Douglas and the Republican ticket? Mr. McKay is a Republican alright, but to save his skin, he cannot work up much enthusiasm. Strange isn't it?

Now, Editor Huls of the Hocking Republican was promised the position of Assistant Fire Marshal, and Chairman E. D. Ricketts knocked him out. Could Huls be very enthusiastic to boost a victory for Ricketts?

Editor Chatfield, of the Murray City News, who has banged away ten years with his newspaper for the Republican party, asked this fall for the nomination of representative and his party threw him down flatly. Could you expect much republican enthusiasm from him? Hardly.

Pattison's Pledge.

This year, as three years ago these words of Governor Pattison are significant. He said: "Standing under the searching light of a political campaign, we invite the final, deliberate verdict of the voters of Ohio. Our reputations and our characters are before you. Concerning these, it is not for us to testify, but we think it only proper to announce, and your right to know, in what manner we expect so discharge our public duties. I promise you, therefore, on behalf of all the gentlemen on the state ticket, that if elected we shall honestly and fearlessly discharge our respective duties to the best of our abilities. No insolent boss shall dictate to us by telephone. No grafter shall find the atmosphere of the State House congenial to his health and his business. Honesty and economy shall govern all our official actions, and when we surrender our offices to the people we shall have clean hands and clean consciences, and you will have a commonwealth once more the pride of a great people."

Newman's Labor Day Speech.

Extract from a speech delivered by J. H. Newman, candidate for Secretary of State, at Piqua, Ohio, on Labor Day:

"These men are the salt of the earth. They are neither beggars or paupers. All they ask is an even chance and a square deal. With strong arms, willing hands, and loving hearts they will face the task capital set for them in a many manner, and with credit to themselves and profit and honor to a fair and honest employer, capital and labor are the twin brothers of our industrial and economical life, and each must be received alike, neither favored. In fact both are capital, but of different denominations. The one received in dollars and cents, the other in brawn and brain. Neither can suffer an injury without effecting the other. Give labor the just share of the rewards of Labor, and then will appear the dawn of a brighter day."

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Saloons Close.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 26.—As a result of the operation of the county local option law the first saloons closed under its provisions will go out of business tomorrow. They are 22 in number, and are located in Meigs and Warren counties. These will be followed on Wednesday by the suspending of 56 more—18 in Marion and eight in Morrow county.

Thursday will witness a wholesale slaughter of drinking places, as no less than 294 will surrender their licenses. Of these five will go from Adams county; 62 from Athens; Gallia, 19; Guernsey, 28; Hocking 27; Jackson, 36; Lawrence 22; Noble, 5; Pike, 8; Scioto, 58; Van Wert, 20, and Vinton, 4. After next Thursday and up to November 23 there will be 539 more saloons that will follow those already enumerated, making a grand total of 933.

The Campaign Closes.

As this is our last newspaper issue before the election, we wish to thank our readers for the patience that it certainly has taken to bear with us in our extended effort in promulgating, that which we believe, to the bottom of our heart. We believe that the policies of our party platform are for the best interests of the greatest number of the citizens of this country. We believe most earnestly that William J. Bryan is the greatest statesman in America and that he is eminently fitted to become one of the best presidents of which this country can boast. We believe that our state, districts and county tickets are made up of excellent men; men of whom any commonwealth should be proud.

We have, in our weak way, endeavored to present to you fairly the issues of this campaign. We have in every instance avoided any personality among candidates. We are proud of the clean fight made by our chairman Judge F. P. Martin. He has not created, nor permitted to be created a single slanderous sentence against the candidates of the opposition party, and his instructions to us along that line have been closely heeded. We admit that at times we could hardly restrain ourselves from bursting forth with a tirade in response to infamous falsehoods circulated by some republican county candidates and emanating from Republican County headquarters. Why men will get so low as to try to circulate stories that they know to be false, seeking to array one religion against another, or one neighbor against another or one life long friend against another, and thus tear down some one, so that the falsifier may climb higher, is always a mystery to decent men. When honest, fair-minded men hear such stories they should and will brand the disseminator and the person sought to be favored, as unworthy the confidence or support of an honest man.

If the republican county campaign management ever thought to conduct a clean, honest campaign this fall, they have now wandered far from their good intentions. We charge them and some of their candidates with political trickery and the promulgation of political falsehoods, that they should be ashamed of as long as they live. Further we challenge them to point to a single instance where the democratic campaign management of this county or the candidates have by word or deed promoted a false or dishonest thought. If we can not win a campaign without circulating a pack of campaign lies, we would rather not be successful.

In these closing days of one of the most gigantic political battles perhaps ever waged in America, we want to warn honest, thinking Democrats and Republicans against the political falsehoods that may be sprung by unscrupulous persons in the last hours before election. A man that will lie to you to get your vote, is certainly not fit for a public office. Again we admonish you to investigate the story of the slippery-tongued deceiver before you heed his words.

Lest You Forget.

It has been but a few years ago that there were some union labor troubles on the railroad and among the mines of Hocking Valley. While out on a strike, when there was no violence and no occasion for court intervention, and at the instance of a corporate lawyer, without a hearing or presentation of the case, Judge Taft issued blanket injunctions, naming many of the men, and plastered this valley with copies of the writ, with Taft's signature to them. The courts decree forbid the striking employees from going to the railroad depots except for the purpose of leaving or arriving on the trains, nor could a coal miner go across company property to his home, without being subject to arrest by some Pinkerton, under orders of Judge Taft. The jail at Logan was full of innocent laboring men, with no charge against them except Judge Taft's injunction order while he sat upon the bench at Cincinnati, and their cases were dismissed, without prosecution when the strike was over. What right had he to put them in jail without a hearing, if there was no charge against them.

This same Judge Taft is asking that these same laboring men of the Hocking Valley that he sent to jail, should vote for him for president. Will they do it? Surely not. When he visited Logan two years ago with Douglas, the frost he got among the railroad men, will chill him to this day, and chill him worse next Tuesday.

Lest you forget, we again say, remember the injunctions nailed up throughout this valley, remember the innocent men in jail, and remember that William Howard Taft's name was signed to the injunction. Don't forget to remember.

Vote As Pattison Advised.

Let the people of Ohio not make the same mistake they made three years ago. If they would harken to the voice of John M. Pattison still ringing in their ears, crying out against the same conditions which exist today under the protection of his successor in still more aggravated form than when he spoke at Newark; because Guilbert, Cox and Brown and their associated bosses have come into full possession and control of the state and are more insolent and more arrogant than ever before; defying the people; resisting representatives of the people who come to investigate their dark and devious ways; invoking the courts to stop probing into their methods of graft; saying "none of your business" or refusing to answer questions; they will vote November 3 as John M. Pattison advised them to vote three years ago, to clean out the State House from top to bottom by the election of Judson Harmon for Governor, and all of the candidates for state offices on the ticket with him.